

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"In proportion to God's need of nothing is man's need for communion with God."

-St. Irenaeus (130-202 A.D.)

This weekend's quote comes from perhaps one of the biggest forces for doctrinal instruction and teaching in the very early Christian Church: St. Irenaeus. He was a bishop in the 2nd century in Gaul (modern-day France), and labored heroically for the faith under severe persecution by the Roman Empire, led at that time by Marcus Aurelius. He was a pastor and missionary, and became known as one of the Church Fathers, primarily for his profound and theologically rich writings. His most famous writing is called the Treatise Against Heresies, in which he details the reality of the Incarnation and humanity of Jesus.

The quote above reminds us of a simple point that can often be forgotten in the hustle and bustle of daily life- God has no need of us whatsoever. Now, that may sound harsh, but it's true. God does not need us in any way. His glory, His perfection, His love, His Divinity is whole, and infinitely perfect whether we exist or not. God did not create humanity because he needed us or our worship or our love. God created us so that He could share His love with us, not because He needed to, but because he desired to. It is important sometimes to remind ourselves that our prayer, our worship, our adoration, our sacrifices do nothing to increase God's glory or goodness, rather we do these things because God *deserves* them, simply because of Who He is!

Conversely, our need for God in our lives is infinite. God doesn't need us, but he wants us to be in relationship with Him, but we need God, even if many people don't seem to want to be in relationship with God. Our hearts ache for friendship with God because of the fact that God has created us for the purpose of sharing in His life and friendship. And Lent is the perfect time for us to consider: how am I responding to God's call in my own life to be in close friendship with Him? Do I take time for focused, daily prayer? Do I take a few minutes here or there to read about the faith, study the Catechism or read the Bible? Am I committed to God in my life? Is He my number one priority?

With that in mind, I have a challenge for each and every one of us during this Lent. I mentioned this challenge in my homily this weekend, but I want to reiterate it here. One of the beautiful opportunities that Lent provides is for us not just to grow in our own prayer relationship with God, but for us to spend more time praying for each other. And so, I am challenging each of us to do the following: once a week during Lent (there are five weeks left including Holy Week), come to the Church, and pray two Our Fathers- one Our Father for your fellow parishioners, and one Our Father for any and all fallen away Catholics in our community. I have listed the times each day that the Church is open to visit below. Please, take up this challenge- Just imagine the tremendous power of prayer that would be offered if each parishioner prayed just two Our Fathers for each other and our parish family each week in front of the Blessed Sacrament! I would love to see the front doors of our Church become revolving doors with the traffic of parishioners praying for each other this Lent. Take up this challenge, and just watch the graces that God will pour out upon us! God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

Holy Spirit Church is open for prayer at the following times during Lent:

Mondays: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Tuesdays: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesdays: 7:00 am - 7:30 pm Thursdays: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Fridays: 7:00 am - 7:30 pm Saturdays: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sundays: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Just a reminder: Fr. Steve is encouraging each of us to sign up for daily emails from dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever during lent.

Lenten Organ Recital: The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists sponsors a Lenten Organ Recital Series each year. There will be a recital by Samuel Black next Wednesday, Feb. 24th, from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. here at Holy Spirit. A freewill offering will be accepted for the chapter's Scholarship Fund, which currently supports 7 young organ students.

A Wonderful Opportunity!! There is a new faith formation opportunity called, "Formed" which is access to an online database of Catholic content, videos, meditations, movies, ebooks, and audio talks. A parish which has subscribed to Formed receives the access code, which any parishioner can use at any time. If we share membership with St. Mary's Parish, we can have all-parishioner access for \$700 per year. If you are interested in donating towards this wonderful opportunity, please contact Treasaigh in the office and let us know!

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Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	02/20/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Barb Haynes Chalices: Shawn & Kathy McMahon Servers: To be assigned	
Sunday	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	02/21/16
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education— Grades Pre, K thru 4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Gary Aleff</i> Reader: Shannah Groothausen Chalices: Nancy Olsen & Laura Lien Servers: Ethan Bopp & Luke Johnson	
Monday	THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE	02/22/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Robert Olinger</i>	
Tuesday	SAINT POLYCARP	02/23/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Ralph Walsberg</i>	
5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation	
Wednesday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	02/24/16
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	02/25/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Kenneth Nyquist</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Adoration	
Friday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	02/26/16
7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Delores Isensee</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Friday Morning Discussion Group	
5:00 p.m.	Fish Fry	
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	02/27/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalices: Beth Egan & Carol Anderson Servers: Ava Fosness & Kate Thomasen	
Sunday	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	02/28/16
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education— Grades Pre, K thru 4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Josephine Lannon</i> Reader: Gina Lemke Chalices: Chris Lemke & Nancy Olsen Servers: Anthony Lemke & Hayden Johnson	

ROSARY : Our Blessed Mother Mary is pleading with all of us to pray the Rosary – a very powerful prayer. Besides praying the Rosary prior to weekday Masses, we have now begun praying the Rosary at 4:00 PM before the 4:30 PM Saturday evening Mass and at 10:30 AM before the 11:00 AM Sunday morning Mass. Please join us in praying the Rosary. If you are interested in leading the Rosary prior to one of the weekend Masses, please call Linda at 834-3568.

COMING HOME BASKET™: The basket sitting near the Church entry is a “Coming Home Basket.” If you know of someone who has drifted away from their Catholic faith, write their name on one of the sheets provided, fold it, and place it in the basket. As a faith community we are encouraged to pray for the people whose names have been placed in the coming home basket as well as to encourage those we are aware of to return.

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,176.00
UCA.....	\$375.00
Bldg. Fund	\$145.00
Black/Indian	\$274.00

† **PARISHIONERS**: Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Joe Haynes, Yvonne Highland, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf, Joanne Payment.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES**: Please pray for Patty Amitrano, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Lori Dybvig, Richard Hadrich, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Delores Isensee, Peggy Jurkanis and Diane Watson.

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL**: Please pray for Garrett Aho, Julie Banks, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin, James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich, and Maddison Zavoral.

† **Sacred Heart Candle**: Stanley Jurkanis.

Died in Christ: Our sympathies and prayers go to the family of Al Aldinger. Also to Veronica Mattson and her family on the death of her half-sister Janice Mattson and Florian Burger who's sister Delores Isensee passed away. May their souls live in God's eternal peace and may their families know the consolation of the Lord!

Baptized in Christ: Samantha Lu Fosness (parents: Steve & Simbre Fosness) was baptized February 6th. We congratulate and thank her parents for the gift of their child to the community of faith!

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Confirmation Retreat: Time is running out, the deadline to register is March 1st. This is a requirement for confirmation and is for 11 grade students. The retreat will be in Hibbing, April 8-9, 2016. If you misplaced your registration form, please contact Treasaigh in the parish office 834-4659.

Jr. High Retreat "In Reverse", April 15-17: This is a great retreat to encourage your child to attend! It will focus on going deeper in prayer. There are also many activities including games, swimming, talks, Mass and reconciliation, etc... Held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, registration is \$155.00 and is open to students in grades 6-8. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Connie @ 834-4433.



Friday, February 26th

5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Adults-\$8.00, Kids-\$4.00

Meal includes

- Fish
- Baby Red Potatoes
- Cole Slaw
- Homemade Bread
- Cookies
- Coffee/Lemonade

All proceeds go to the Building Fund